



## MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

**Description of proposal:** Winery Timber Sale 30-083219 and attached Forest Practice Application 2413331 is a four-unit sale comprised of 60 acres of a variable retention harvest, including 0.5 acres of associated right of way, consisting of approximately 1,654 MBF of merchantable timber with 63,937 feet of required road reconstruction and pre/post-haul maintenance, 2,632 feet of optional road construction, 1,748 feet of optional road reconstruction, 3,557 feet of required abandonment of existing road and 2,632 feet of abandonment, if constructed.

**Description of mitigation:** The following Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) procedures apply:

Northern Spotted Owls - This proposal is neither within a designated Nesting, Roosting, Foraging (NRF) or Dispersal Management Area. The proposal is however within a designated status 4 spotted owl circle. A single Northern Spotted Owl was sighted by Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife in 1993, approximately 1.4 miles south and west of the proposed harvest area. This proposed regeneration harvest complies with DNR's Habitat Conservation Plan and DNR's Forestry Handbook Procedure, PR 14-004-120,

Marbled Murrelet - This proposal is within the North Puget Planning Unit, which has a Marbled Murrelet Reclassified Habitat Model. The proposal is not within any reclassified Marbled Murrelet habitat polygons, PR 14-004-320,

Riparian Management Zone (RMZ) - There are five Type 4 streams protected with 100 foot RMZ buffers. There are no wetlands associated with this proposal. All streams adjacent to the sale meet or exceed HCP required buffers, PR 14-004-150,

Rain on Snow - HCP hydrologic maturity requirements are that less than one-third of the sub-basin's area is within the rain on snow and snow dominated zones combined, PR-14-004-060,

Slope Stability - Areas of instability are associated with riparian areas located outside of the proposal. There are no areas located within the proposal that are potentially unstable, PR 14-004-050,

Retention Trees - Scattered leave trees were retained at a rate of 8 trees per acre in all units. There are approximately 560 individual leave trees that were selected from the most wind-firm, dominant and co-dominant conifers and are both scattered and clumped within the proposal area, PR 14-004-210

Roads - Falling, yarding, hauling, road construction and rock haul will not be permitted from November 1 to April 30, unless authority to do so is granted, in writing, by the Contract Administrator. If permission is granted to operate between November 1 and April 30, the Purchaser may be required to provide a "Closed Season Plan" to include further protection of water, soil, roads and other forest assets. The "Closed Season Plan" must be approved in writing by the Contract Administrator. Falling, yarding, hauling, road construction and rock haul will be suspended during periods of wet weather, if in the opinion of the Contract Administrator the operation poses a threat to public resources. Rip rap for this proposal can be obtained from the Columnar Rock Pit or any commercial source approved by the Contract Administrator.

For specifics on all mitigation measures consult the SEPA document for this proposal.

**Proponent:** Department of Natural Resources

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**Location of proposal, including street address, if any:** The proposal is located in parts of Sections 6 and 7 both in Township 23 North, Range 8 East, W.M. and Sections 1, 11, 14, 15 and 23 all in Township 23 North, Range 7 East, W.M. The Columnar Rock Pit is located in Section 19 in Township 23 North, Range 7 East, W.M. The haul route for this proposal is located in the same sections plus Sections 1, 2 and 20 all in Township 23 North, Range 7 East, W.M. The units for this proposal are located approximately 2 miles by road southwest of the town of North Bend in King County. See the attached Forest Practices Application.

**Lead agency:** Department of Natural Resources

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

[ ] **There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.**

[X] **This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from February 11, 2009. Comments must be submitted by February 25, 2009.**

**Responsible official:** Randy Acker

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